

## Child Safety Seat Requirements

Child's Age/Wt./Ht.	Type of Seat	Location of Seat
0-1 year	20 lbs. or less	Rear-facing Rear seat if available*
1 year - 3 years	Greater than 20 lbs.	Forward facing Rear seat if available
4 years - 8 years	Less than 5' tall Belt positioner or booster	Rear seat if available
9 years - 12 years or greater	Shoulder belt system	Rear seat recommended
13 years -17 years	Must be belted	



- **\*NEVER place an infant in front of an airbag!**
- **\*\* Booster seats require both lap and shoulder belts!**
- Seats must meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and be used according to child safety restraint system and vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
- Any child who has special needs and cannot be safely transported in a conventional child restraint requires a doctor's prescription for a specially modified seat.
- Proper occupant protection for children under age 16 is the responsibility of the parent, if present. Otherwise the driver is accountable for these passengers.

### Why Booster Seats?

Young children who have outgrown their car seats are still too small for an adult lap and shoulder belt. When these young children wear adult seat belts they can suffer serious injuries to the head, neck, spinal cord, and abdomen. All it takes is a BOOST to put them in the proper position for the adult lap/shoulder belt to protect them!



### Booster Seat 5-Step Test

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
4. Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
5. **Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?**

If you answered NO to any of these questions, your child needs a booster seat to ride safely in the car.

For more information, call: 1/800 BELTS or visit: [www.tntrafficsafety.org](http://www.tntrafficsafety.org) . The Lawrenceburg Police Department has certified Child Safety Seat Technicians who can help with questions regarding proper use of child safety seats. If you need assistance, please call (931) 762-2276.